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# The Little Red Hen



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Once upon a time, there was  
a little red hen who lived  
in a farmyard.







One day the little red hen found  
some grains of wheat.

She took them to the other  
animals in the farmyard.







“Who will help me to plant these grains of wheat?” asked the little red hen.







“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the rat.

“Not I,” said the pig.







“Then I shall plant the grains myself,” said the little red hen.

So she did.







Every day the little red hen went  
to the field to watch the grains of  
wheat growing.

They grew tall and strong.







One day, the little red hen saw that the wheat was ready to be cut.

“Now the wheat can be made into flour,” said the little red hen to herself, as she set off for the farmyard.







“Who will help me to take the wheat to the mill, to be ground into flour?” asked the little red hen.







“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the rat.

“Not I,” said the pig.







“Then I shall take the wheat  
to the mill myself,” said the little  
red hen.

So she did.







The little red hen took the wheat  
to the mill and the miller ground it  
into flour.







When the wheat had been ground into flour, the little red hen took it to the other animals in the farmyard.







“Who will help me to take this flour to the baker, to be made into bread?” asked the little red hen.







“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the rat.

“Not I,” said the pig.







“Then I shall take the flour  
to the baker myself,” said the  
little red hen.

So she did.







The little red hen took the flour  
to the baker and the baker made it  
into bread.







When the bread was baked,  
the little red hen took it to the  
other animals in the farmyard.







“The bread is now ready to  
be eaten,” said the little red hen.  
“Who will help me to eat  
the bread?”







“I will,” said the cat.

“I will,” said the rat.

“I will,” said the pig.







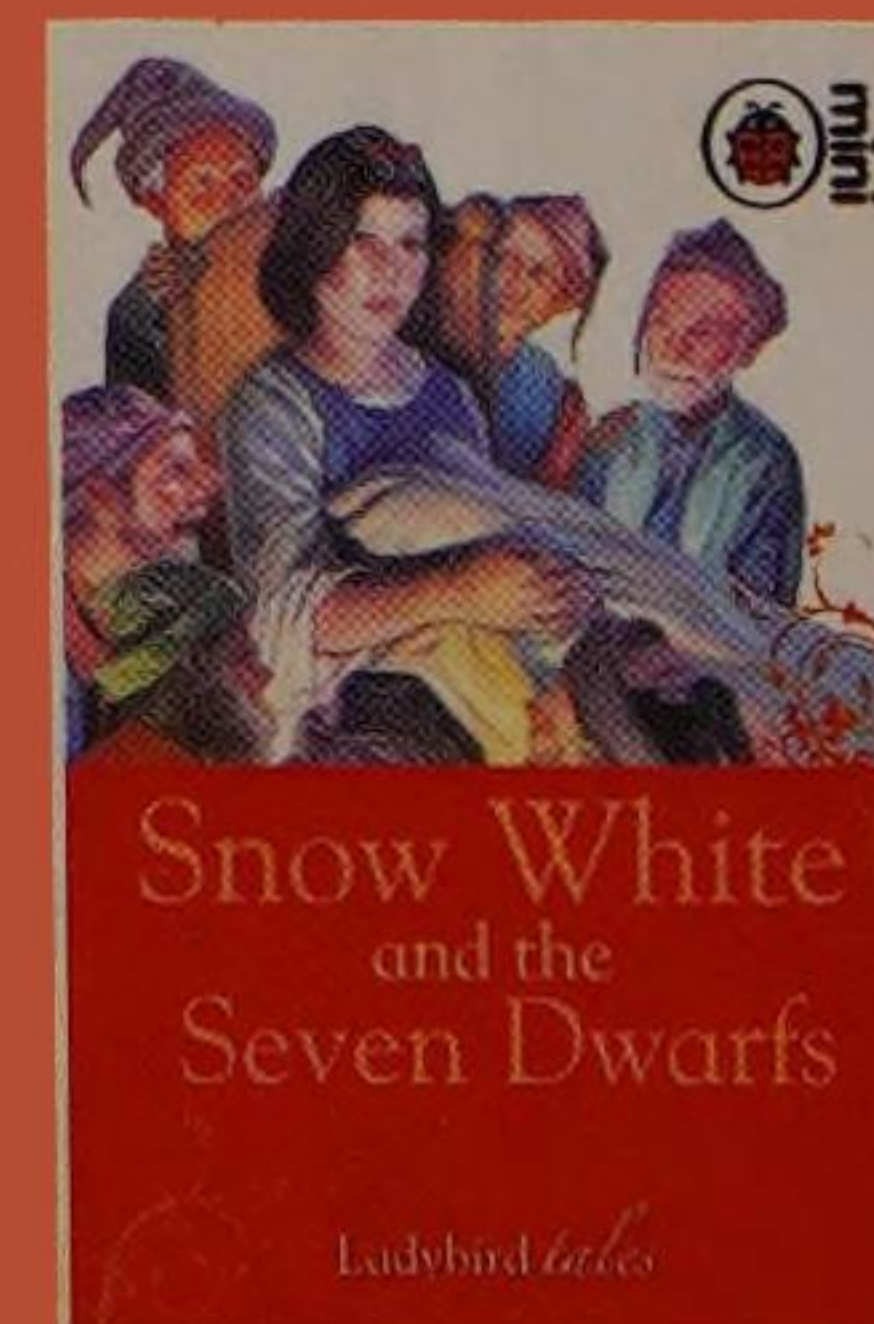
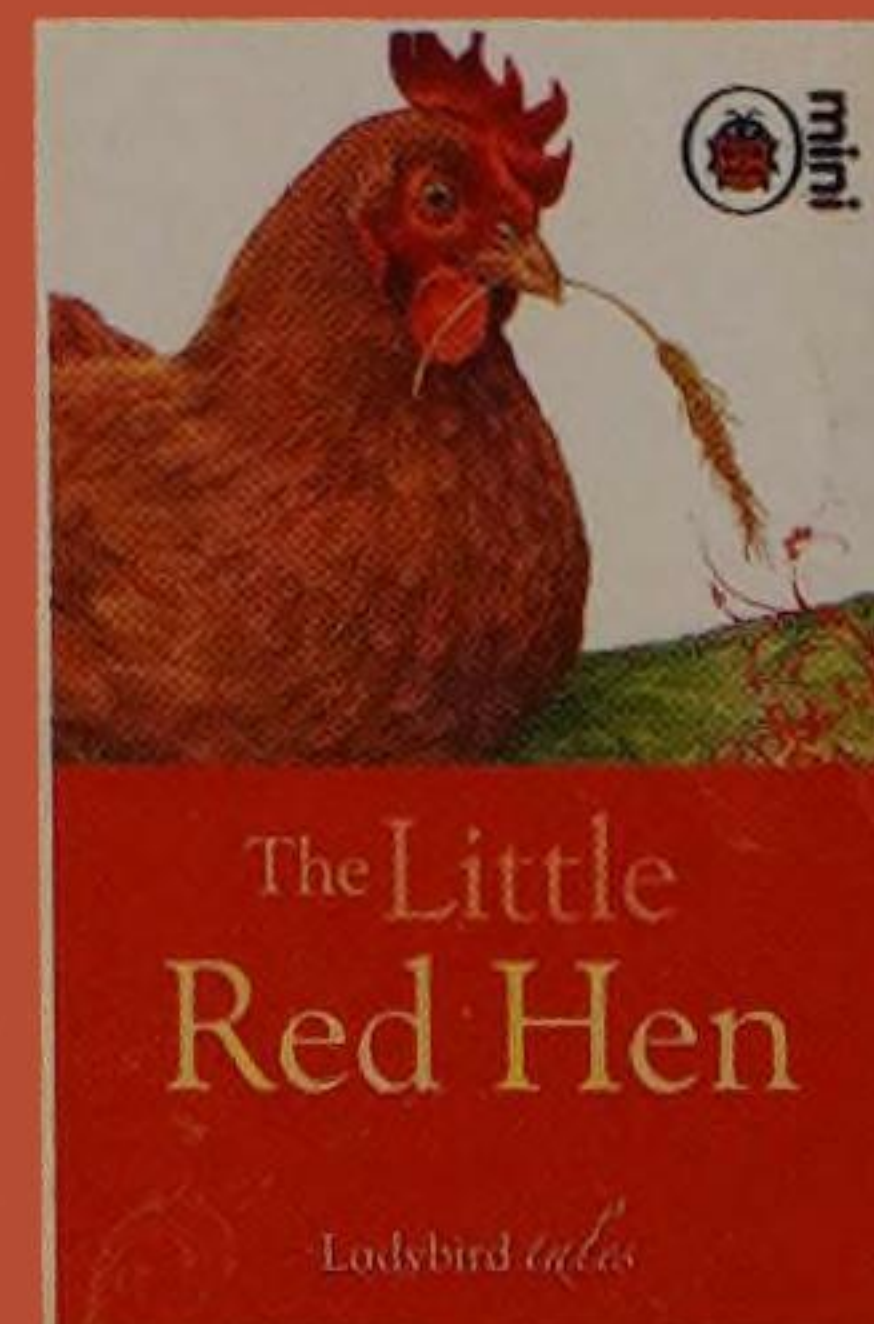
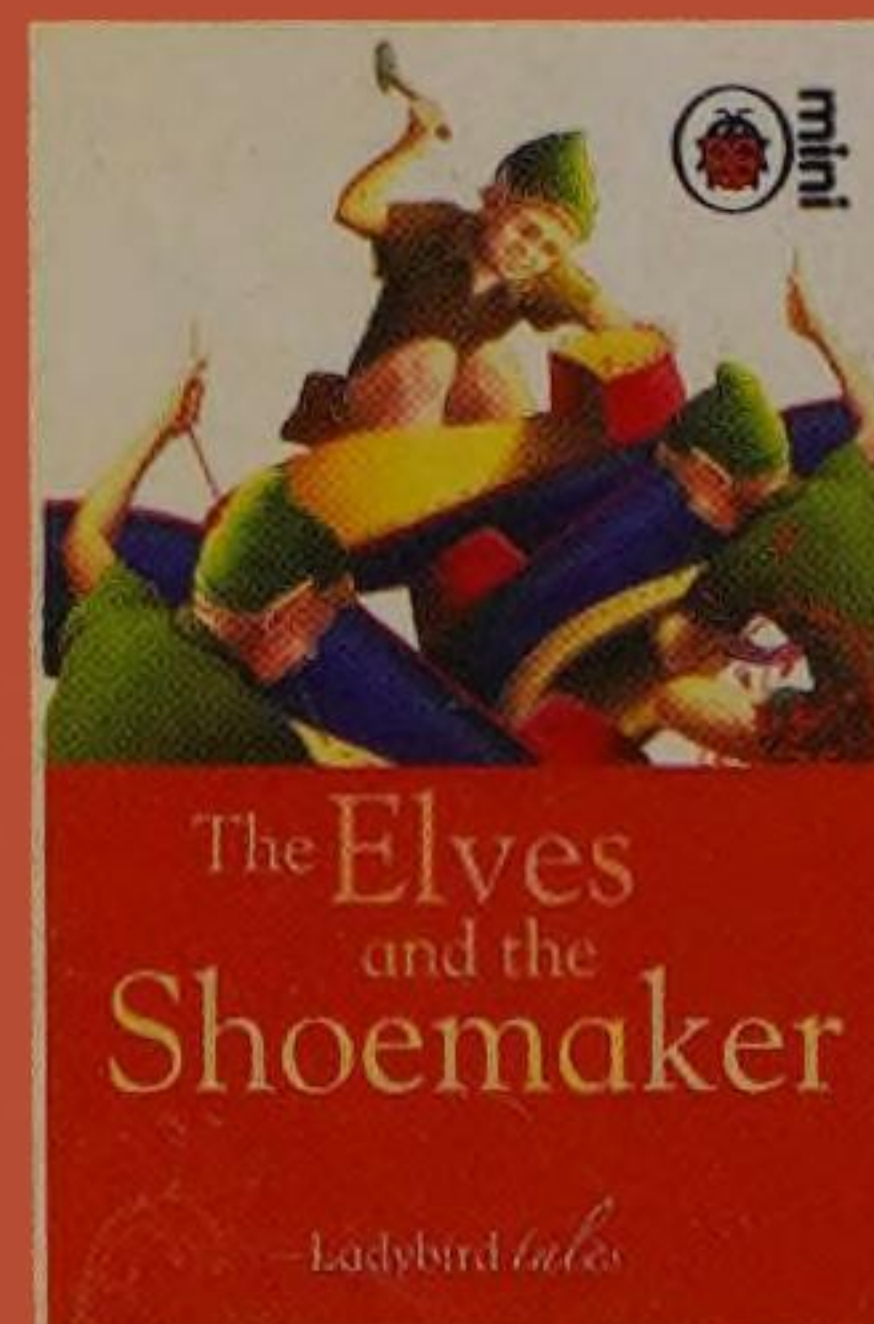
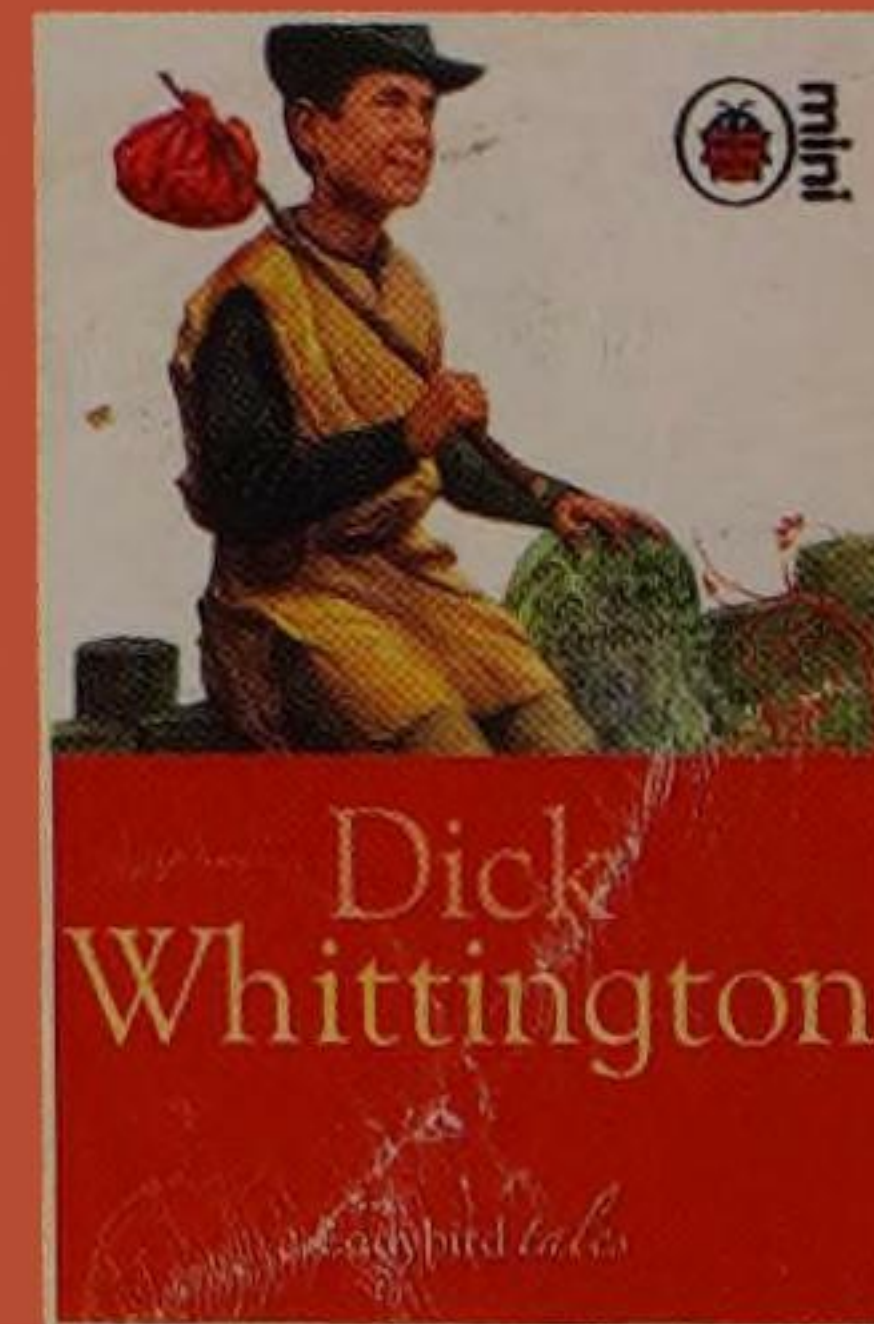
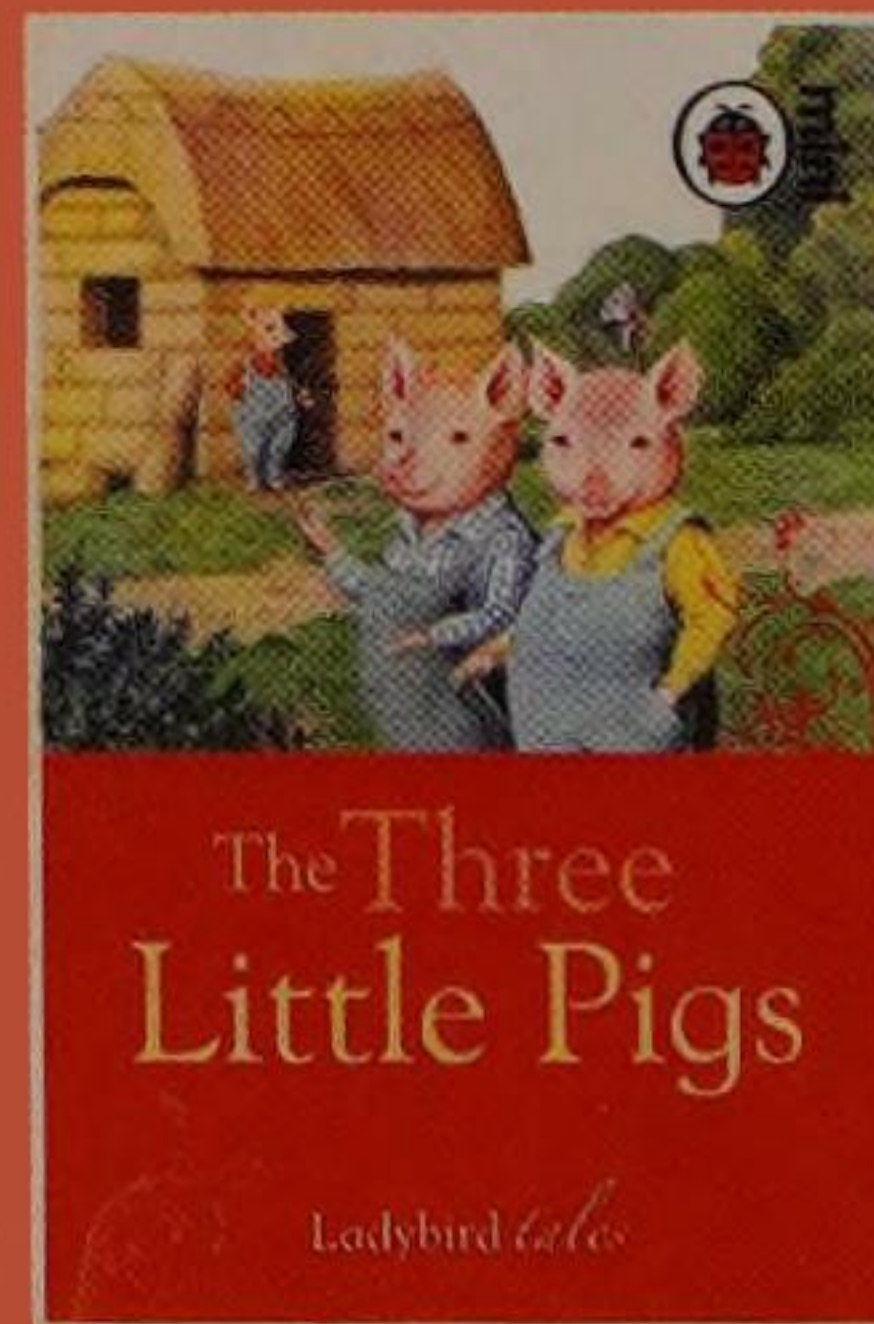
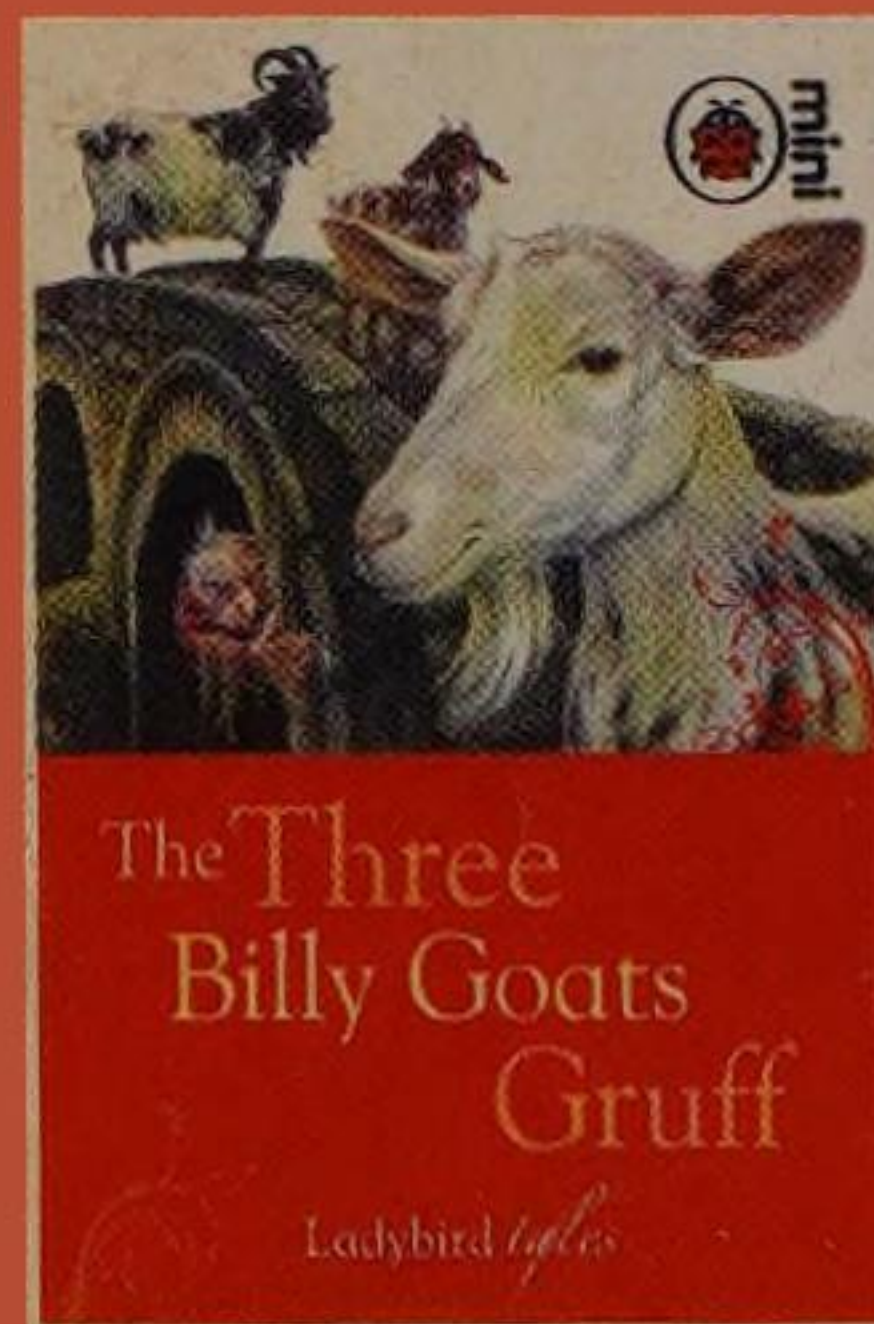
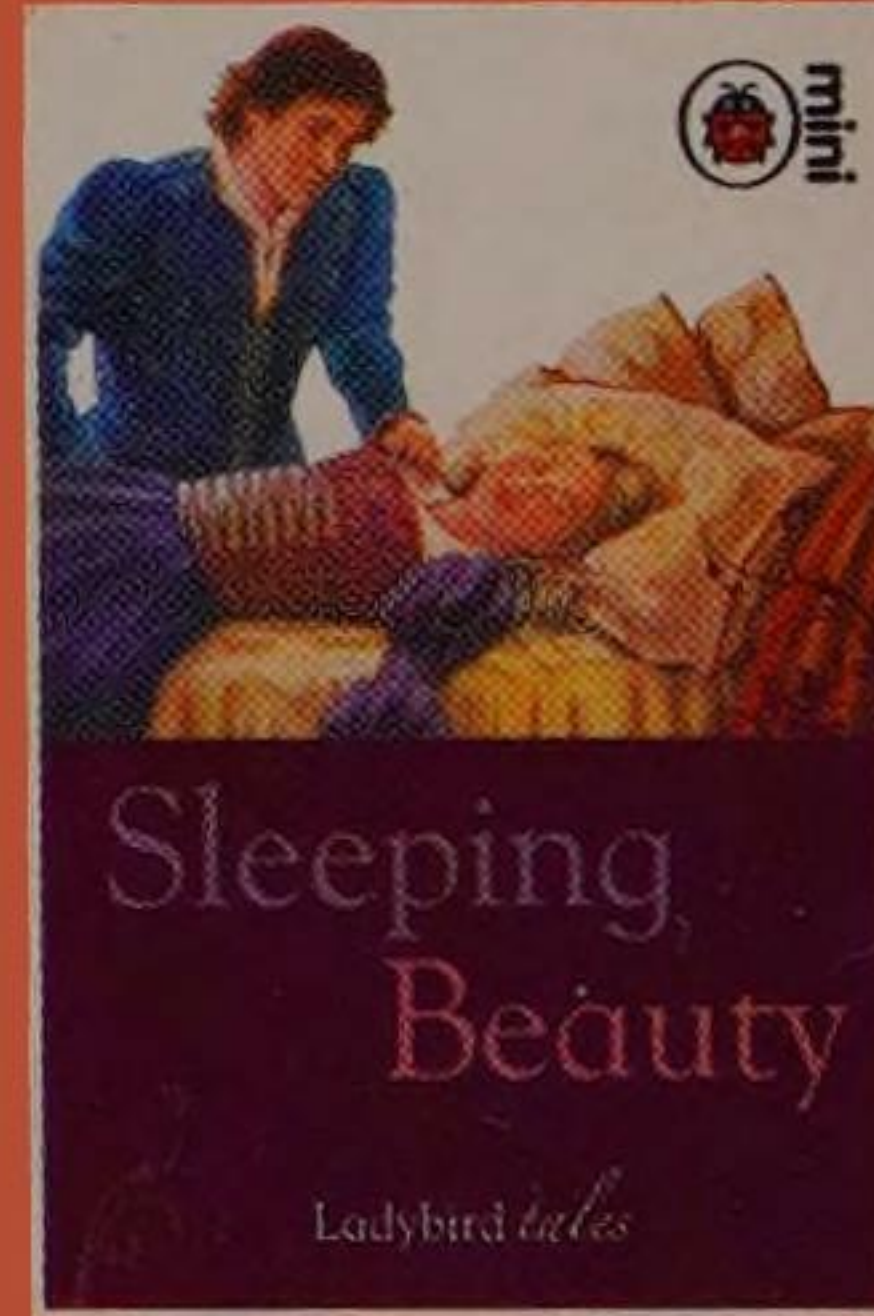
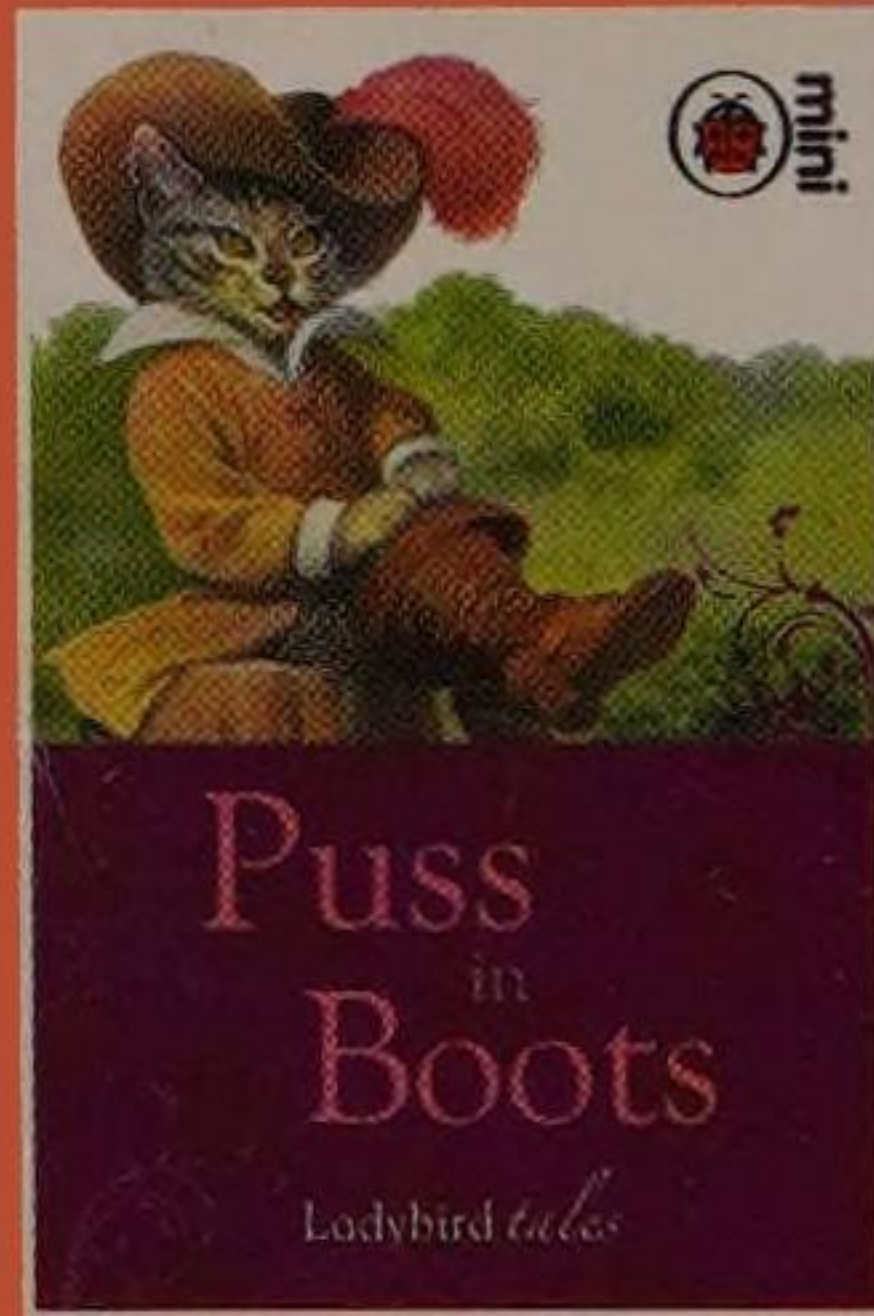
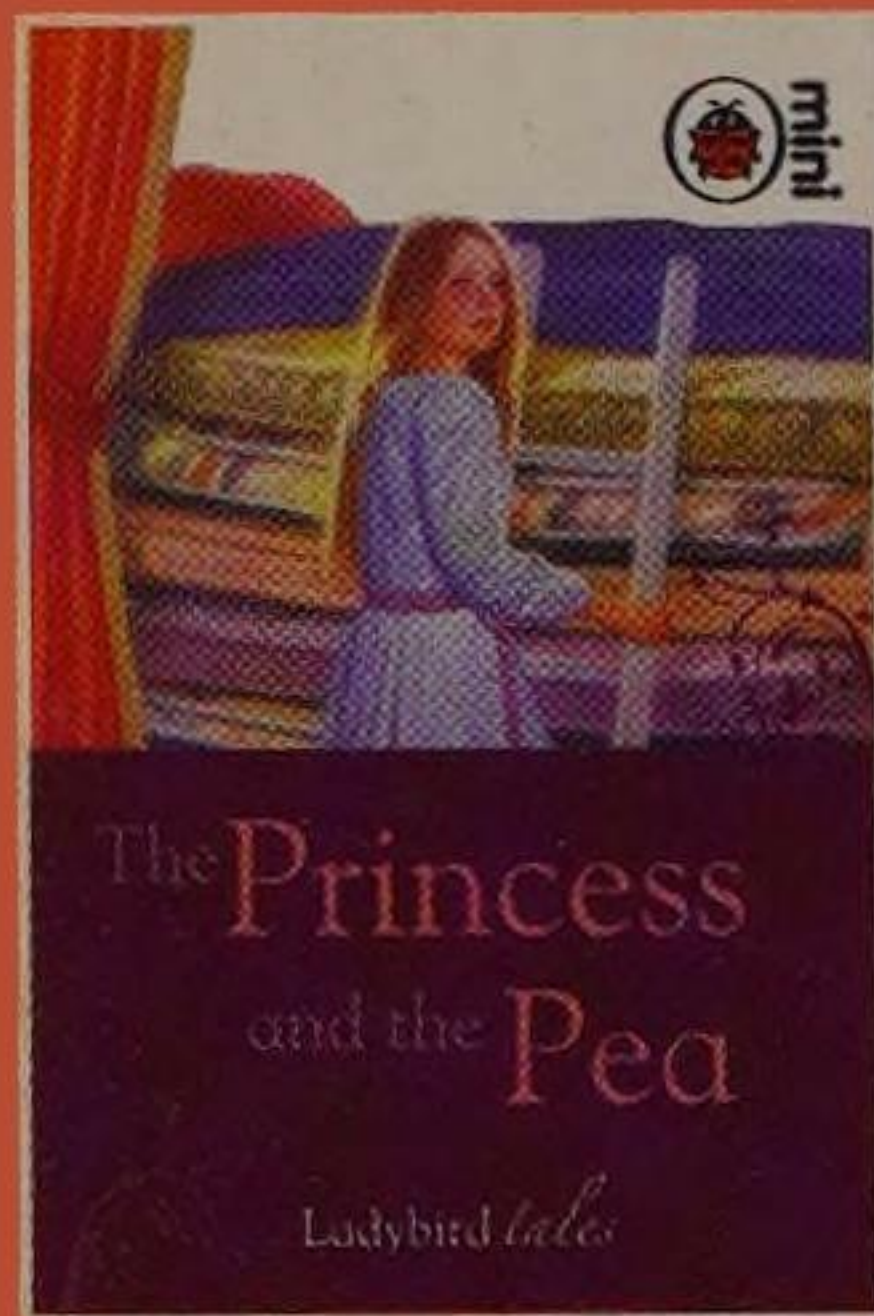
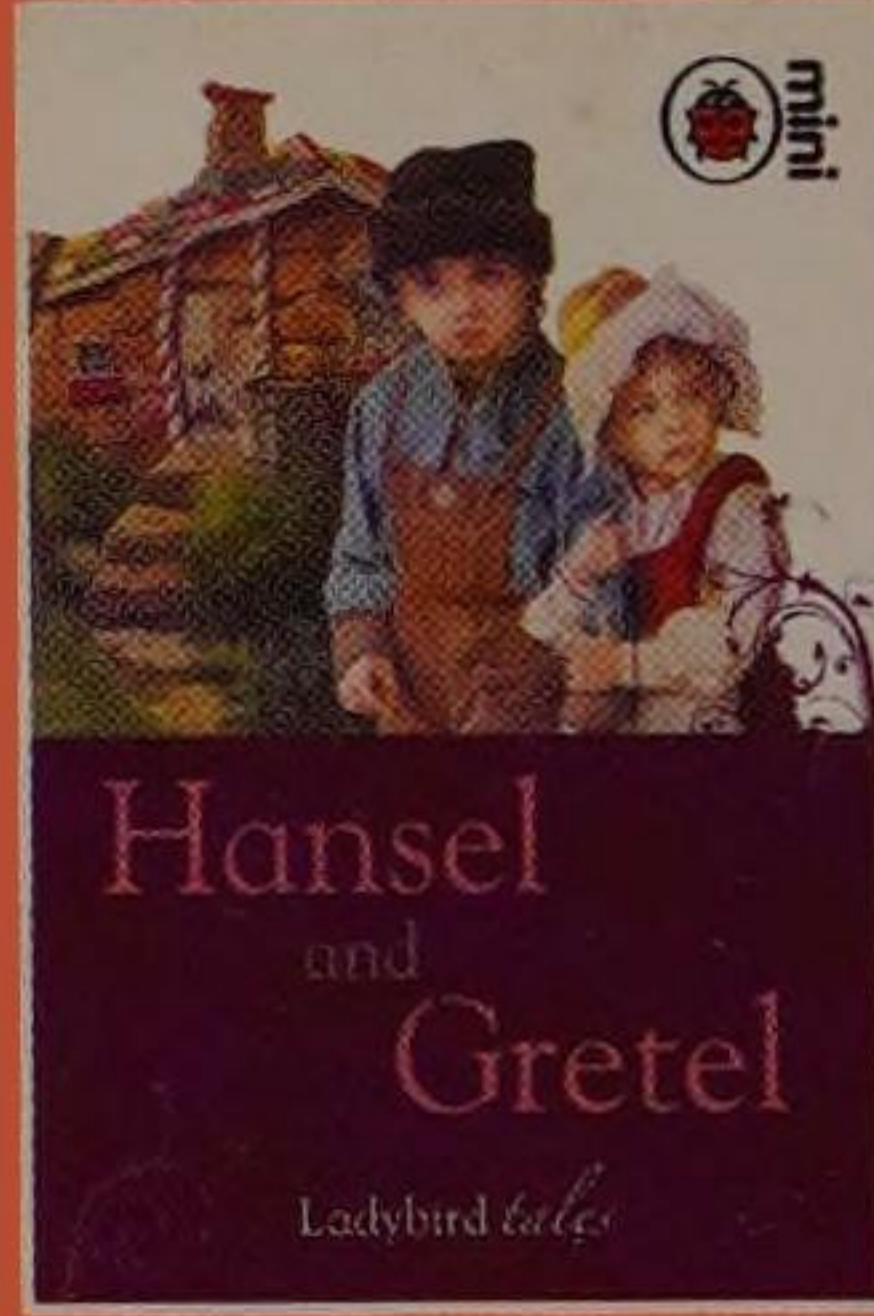
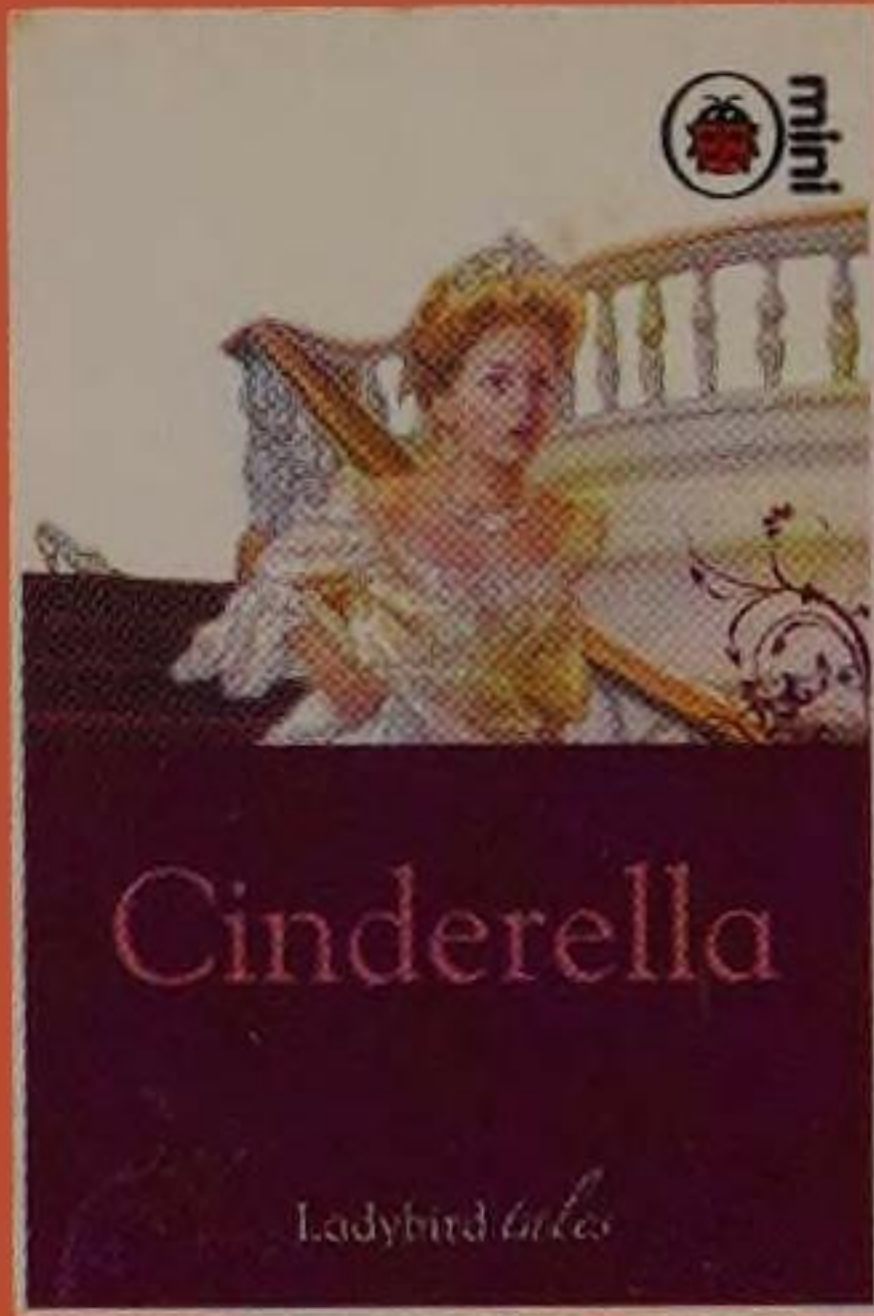
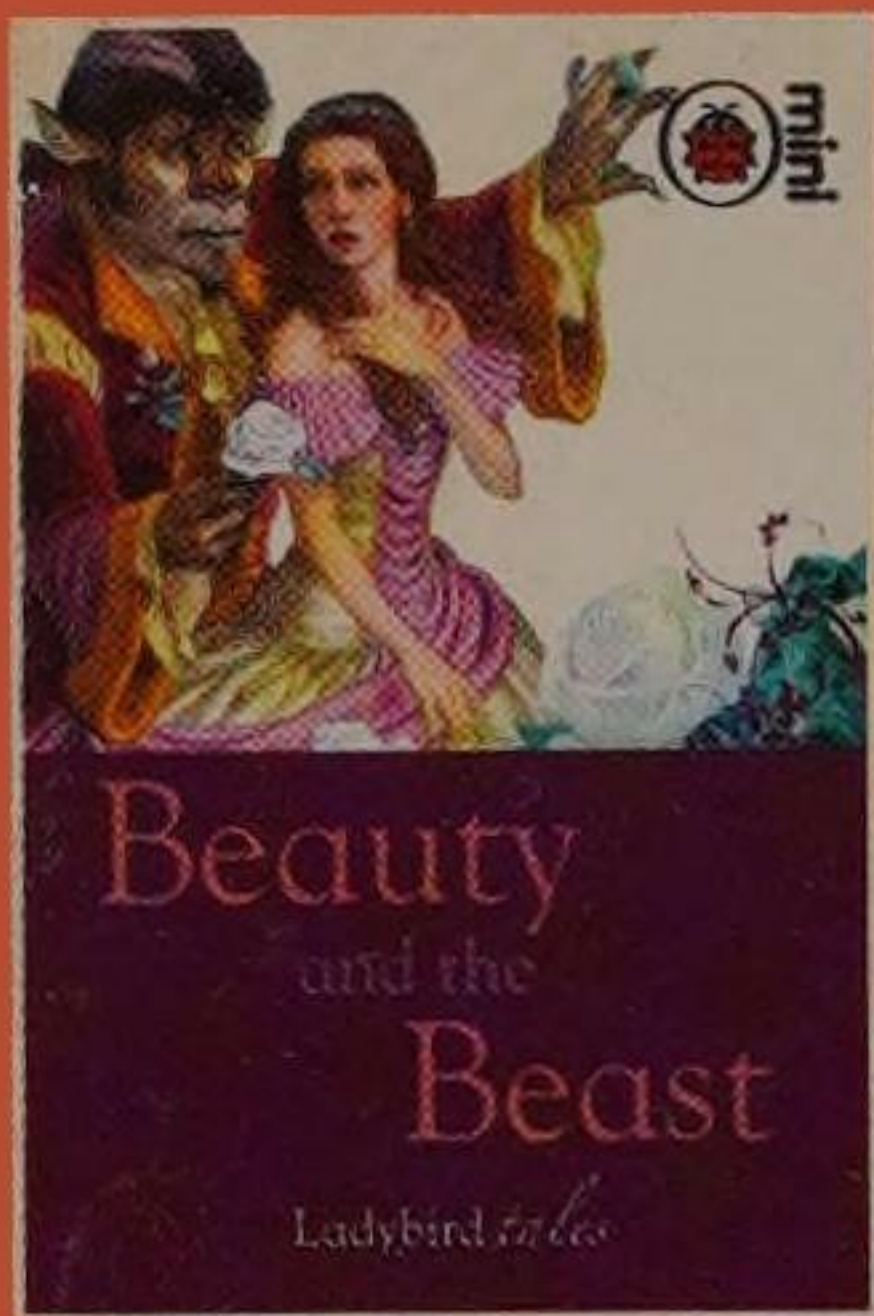
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So she did.

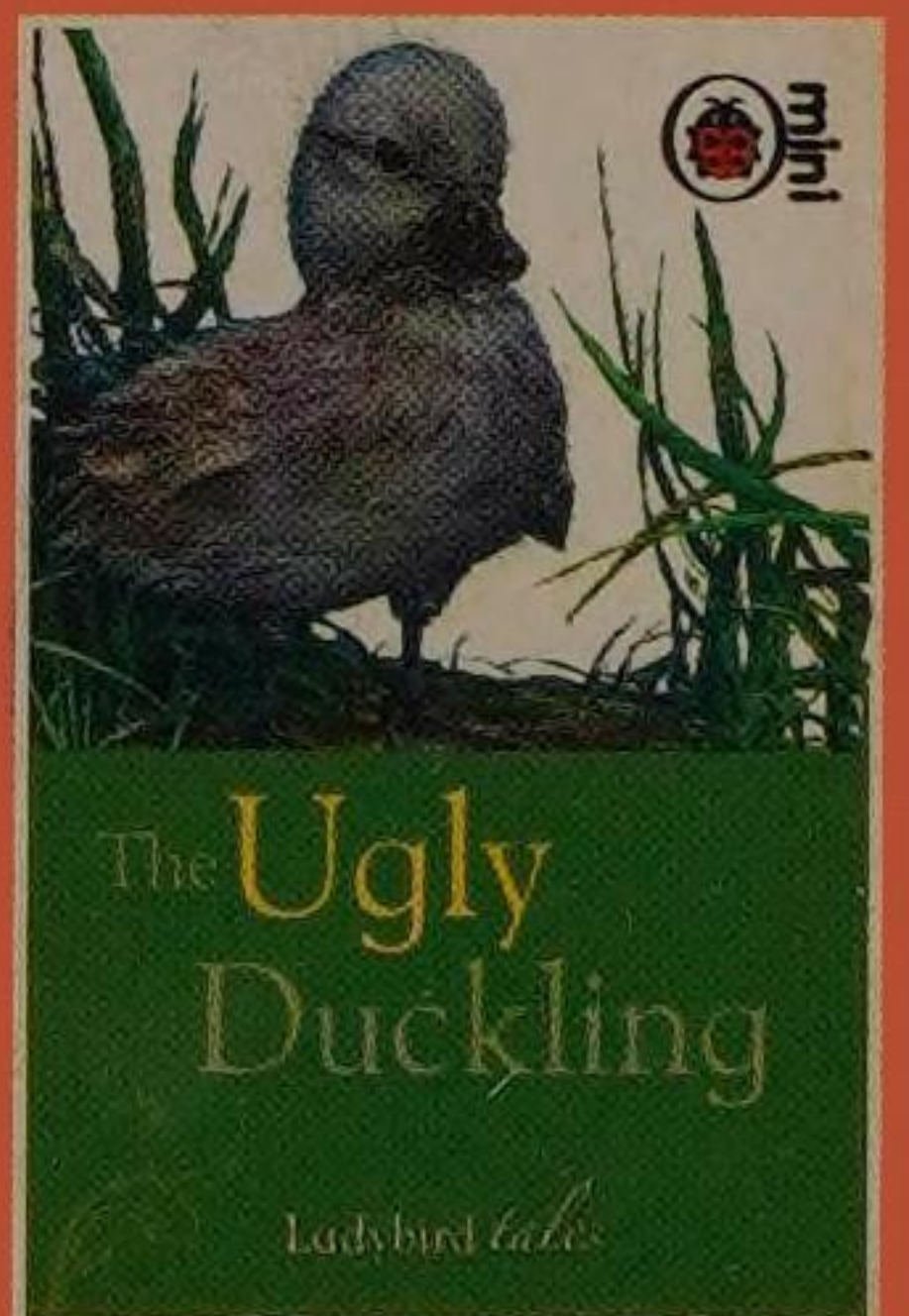
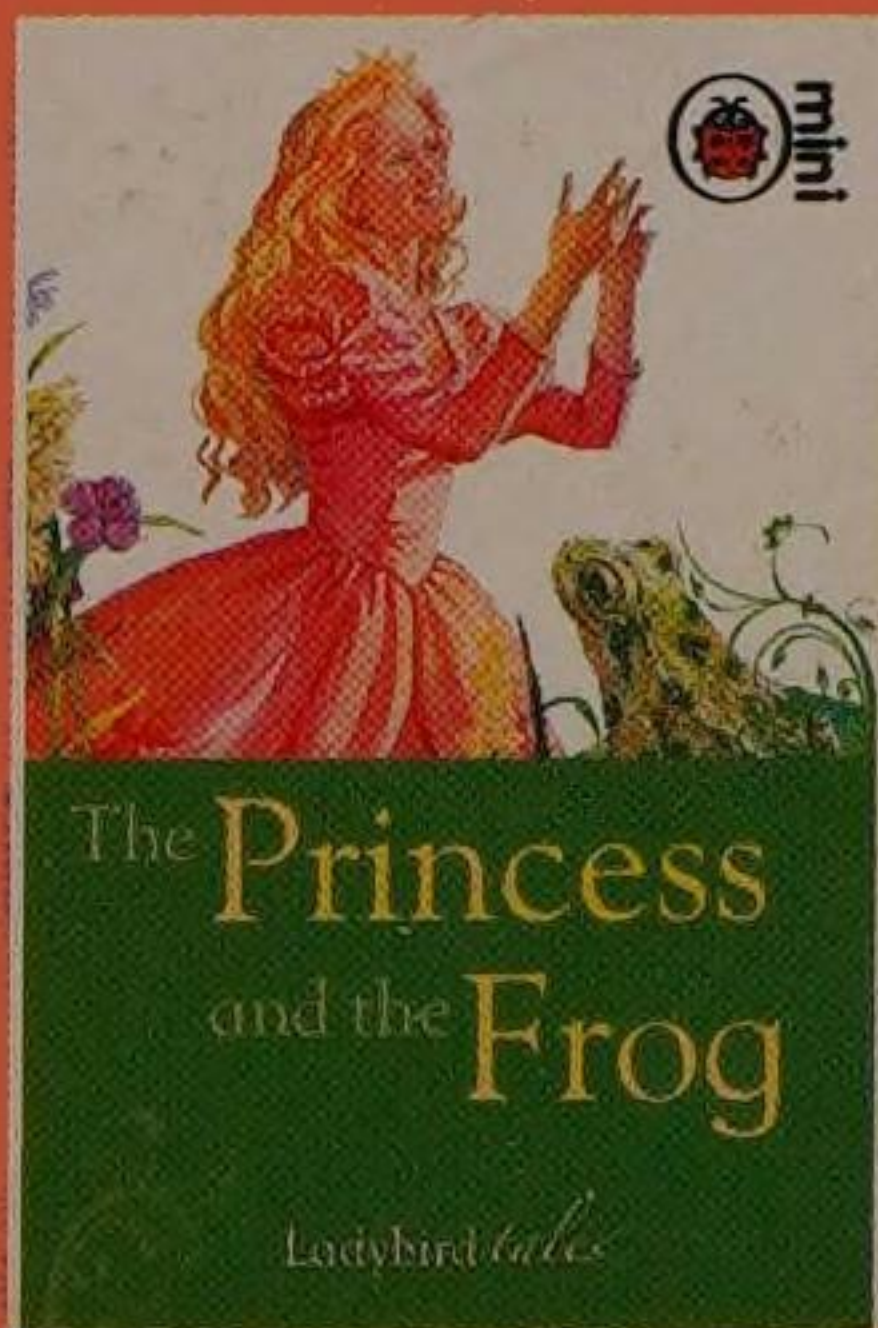
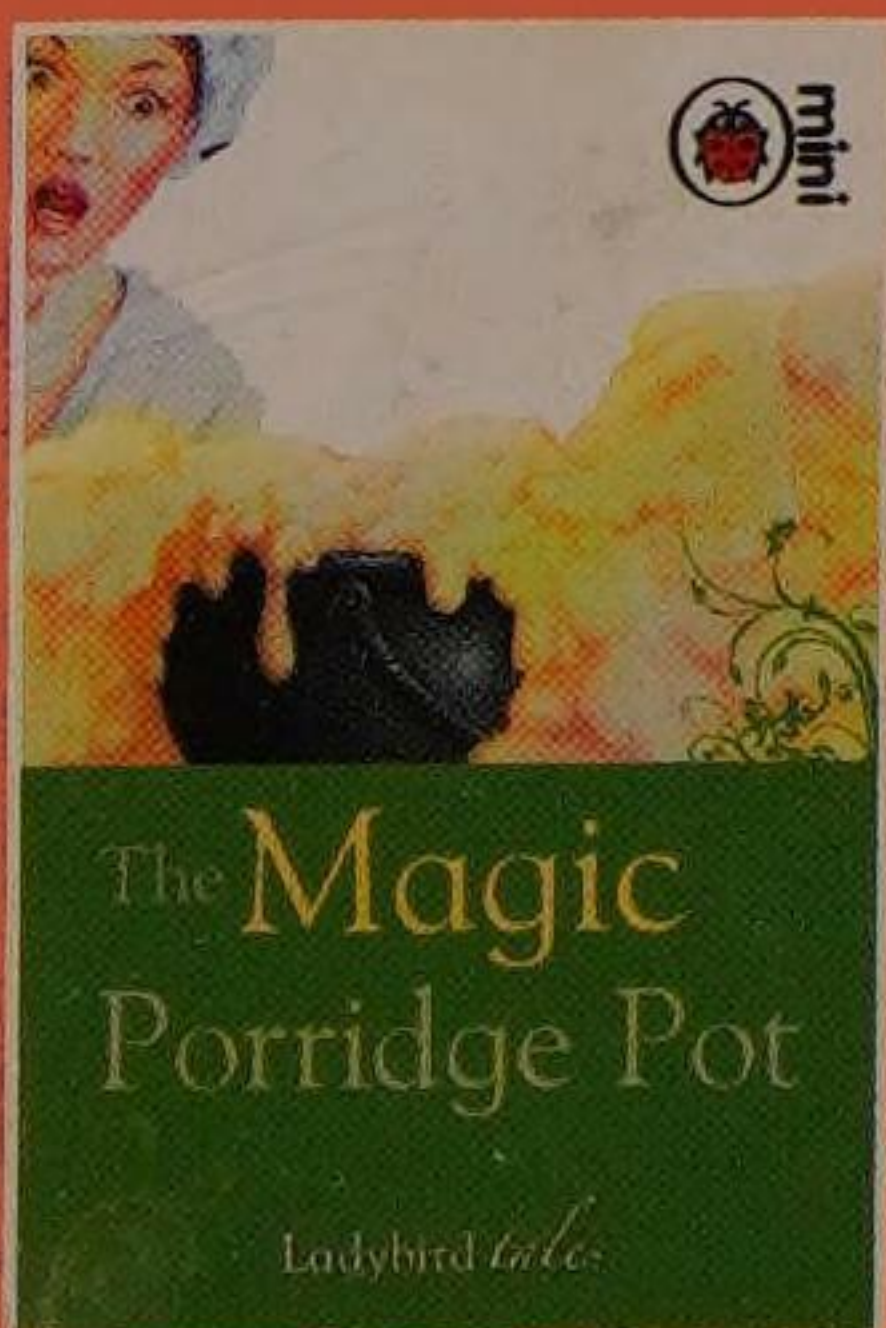
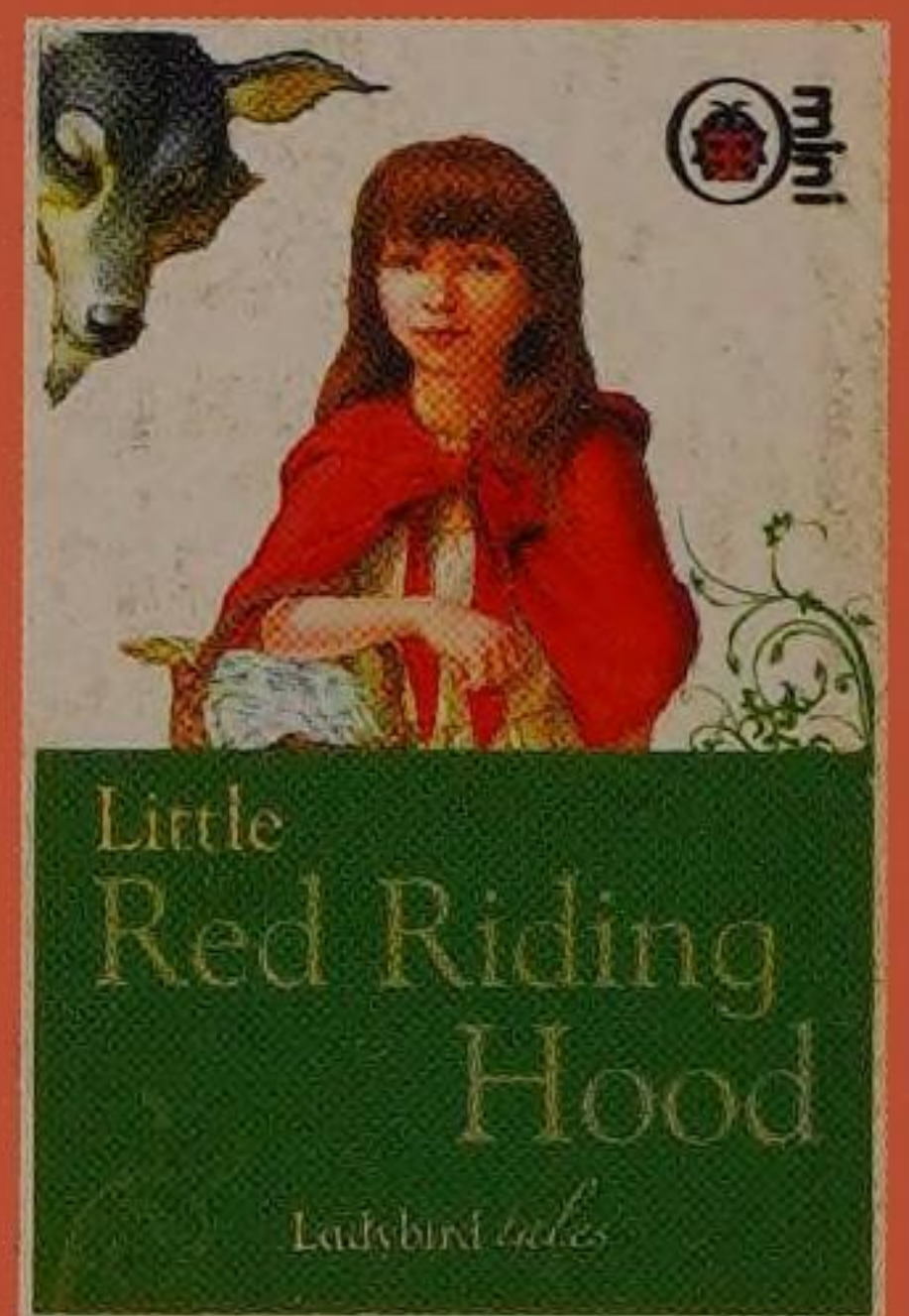
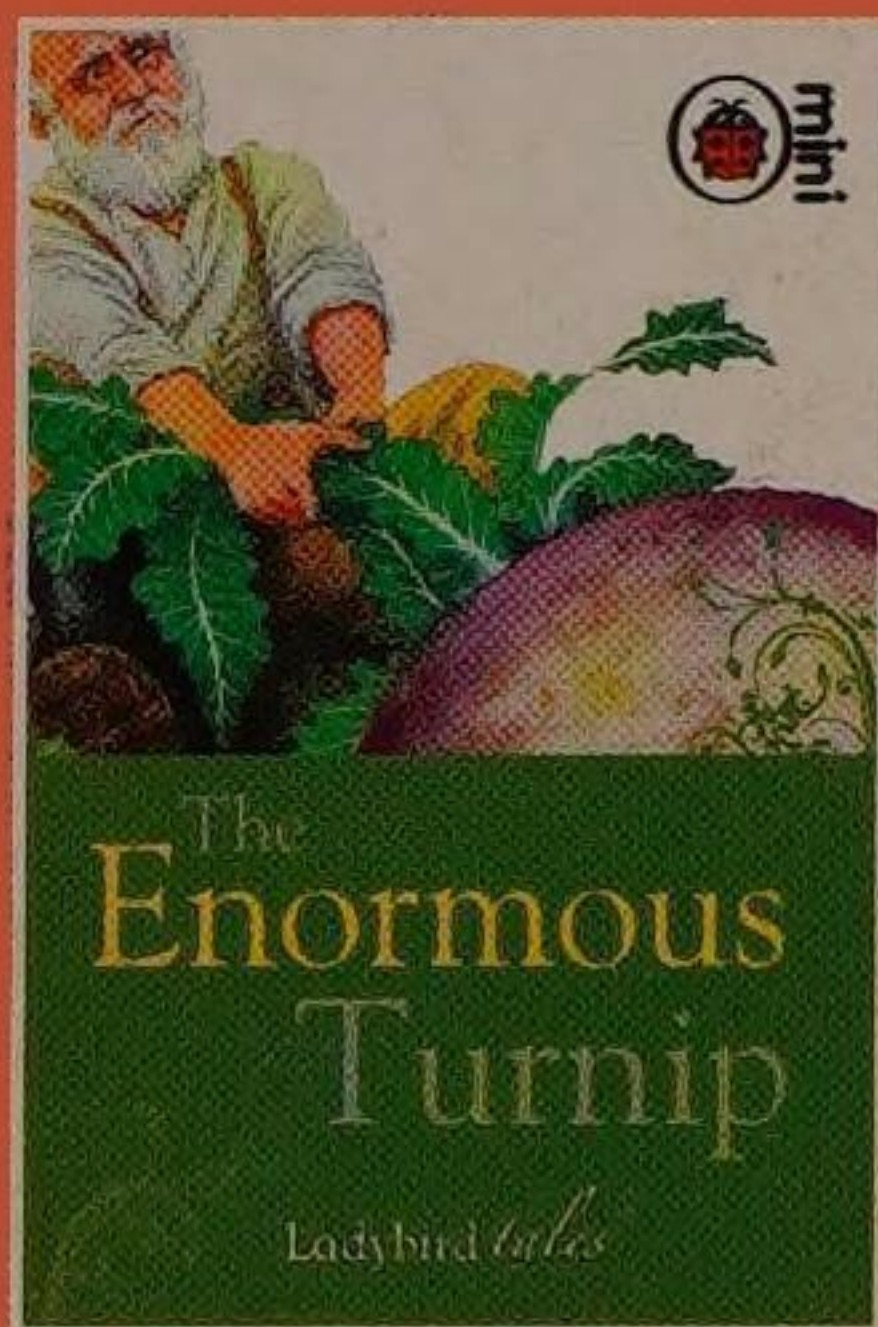
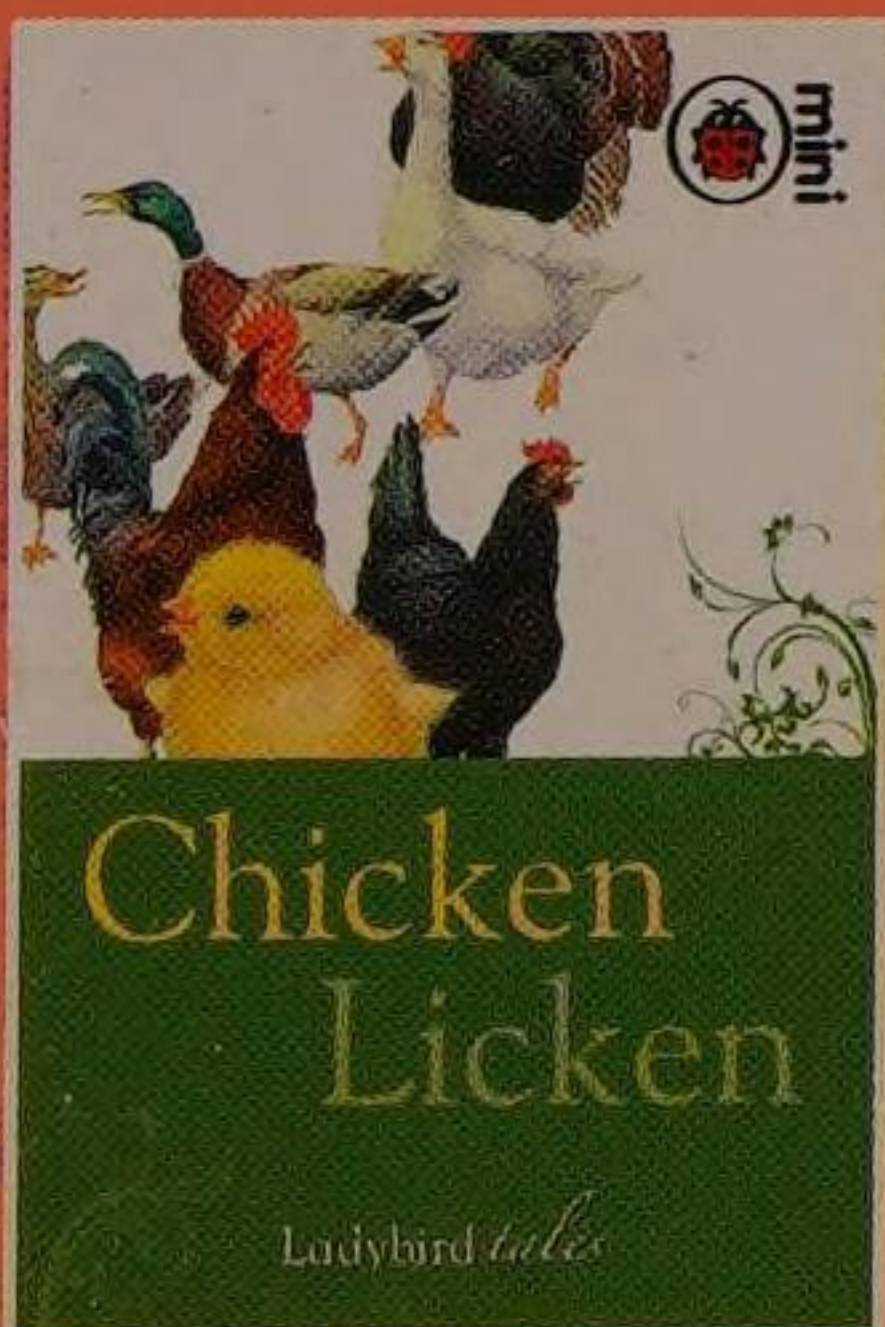
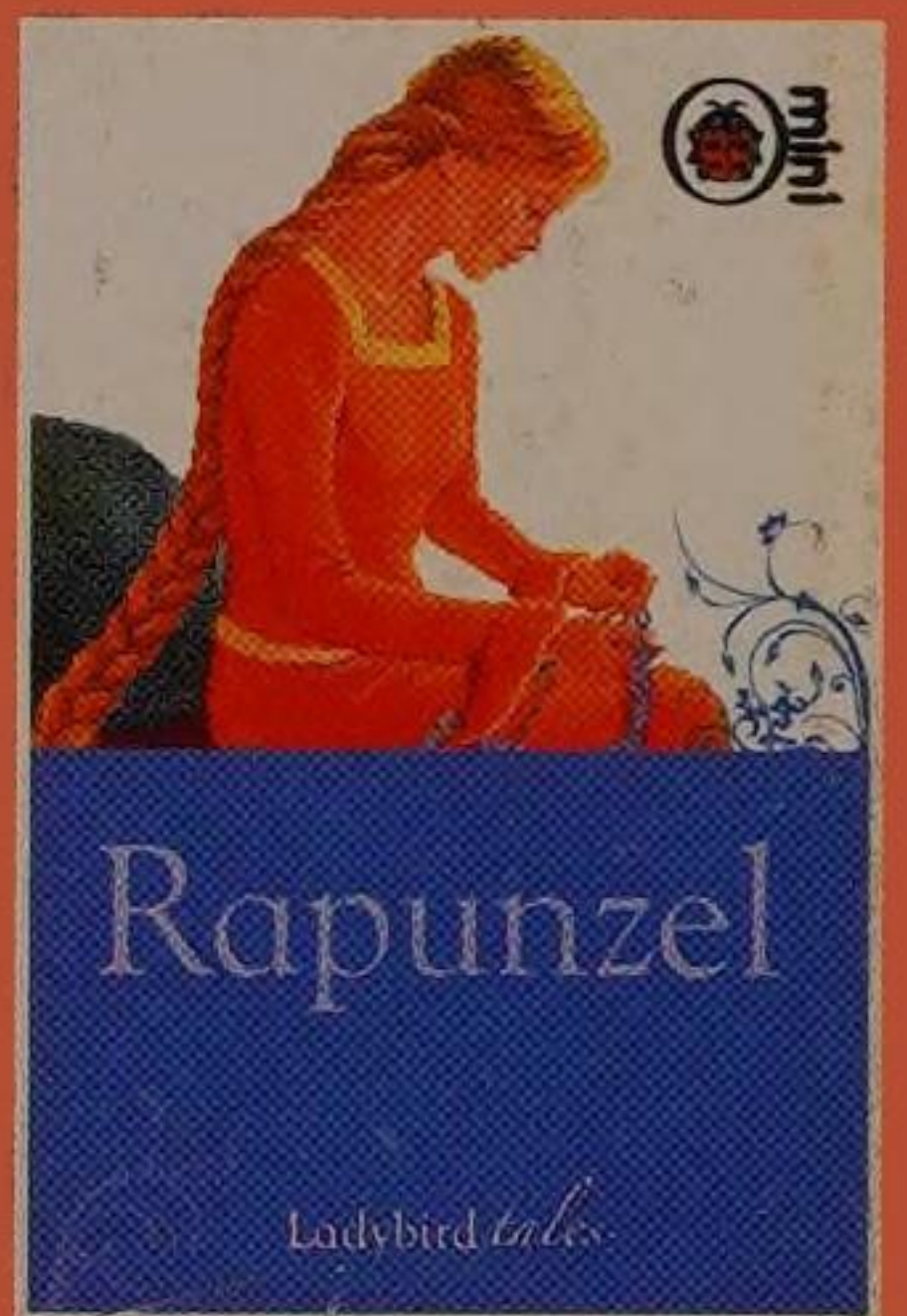
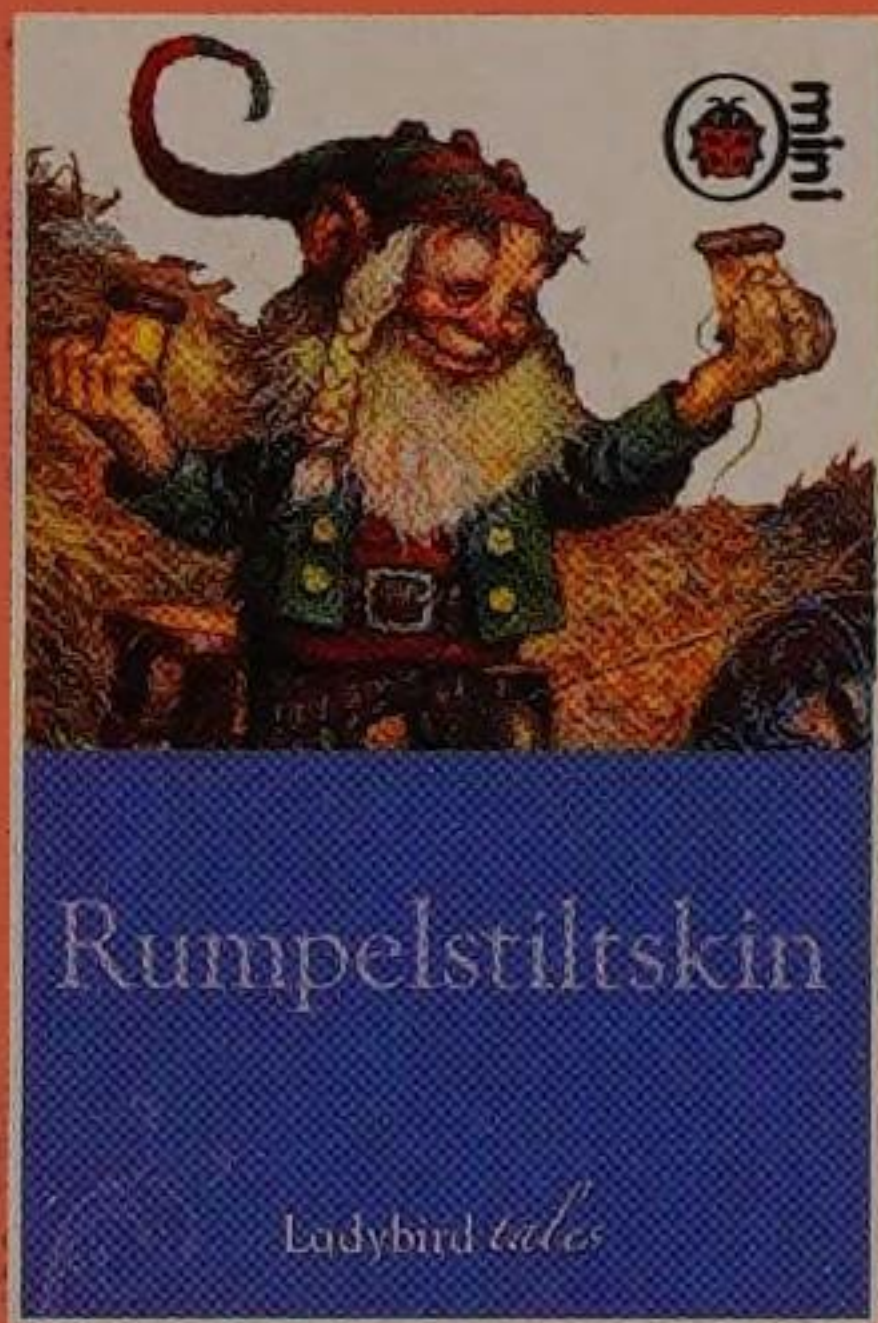
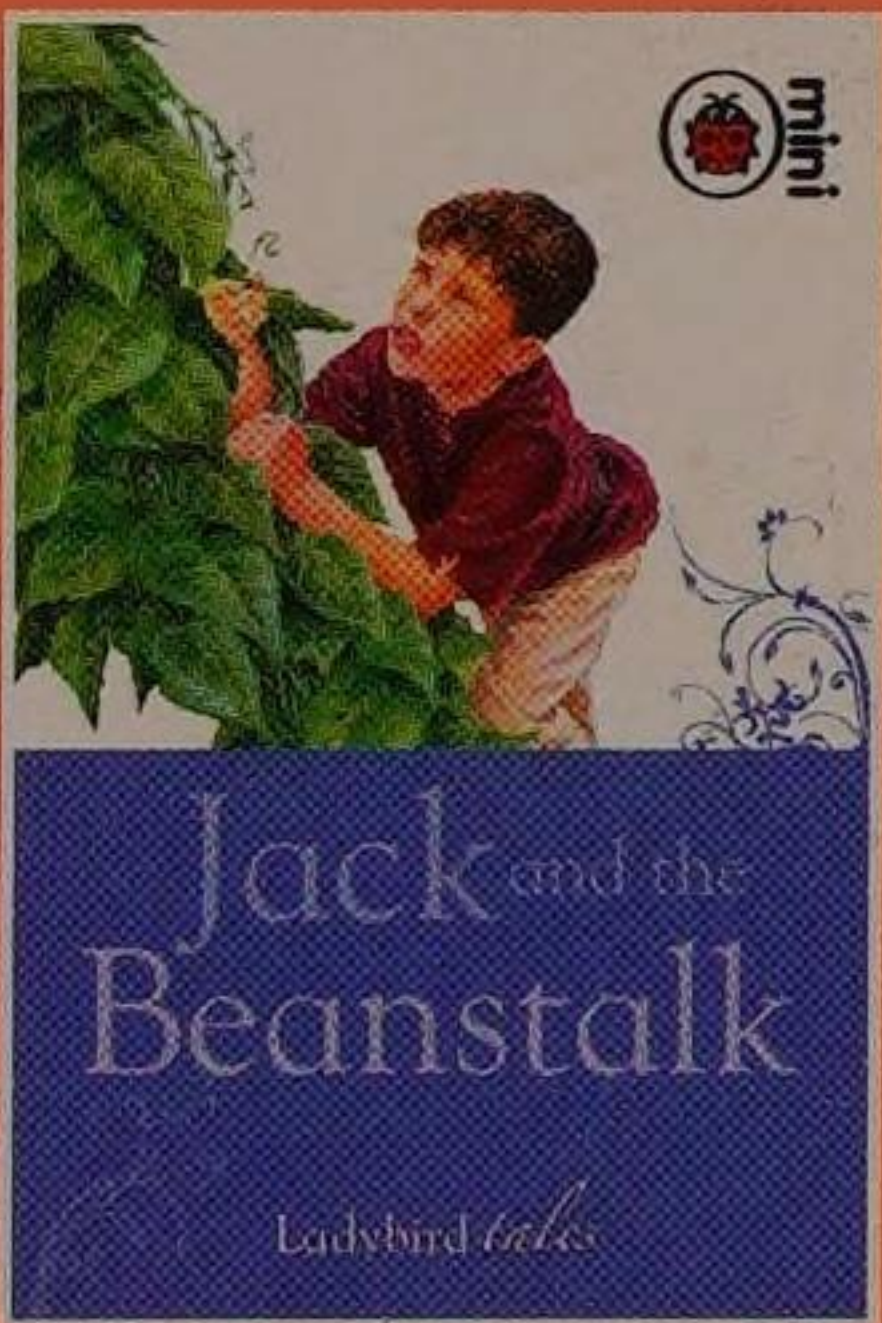
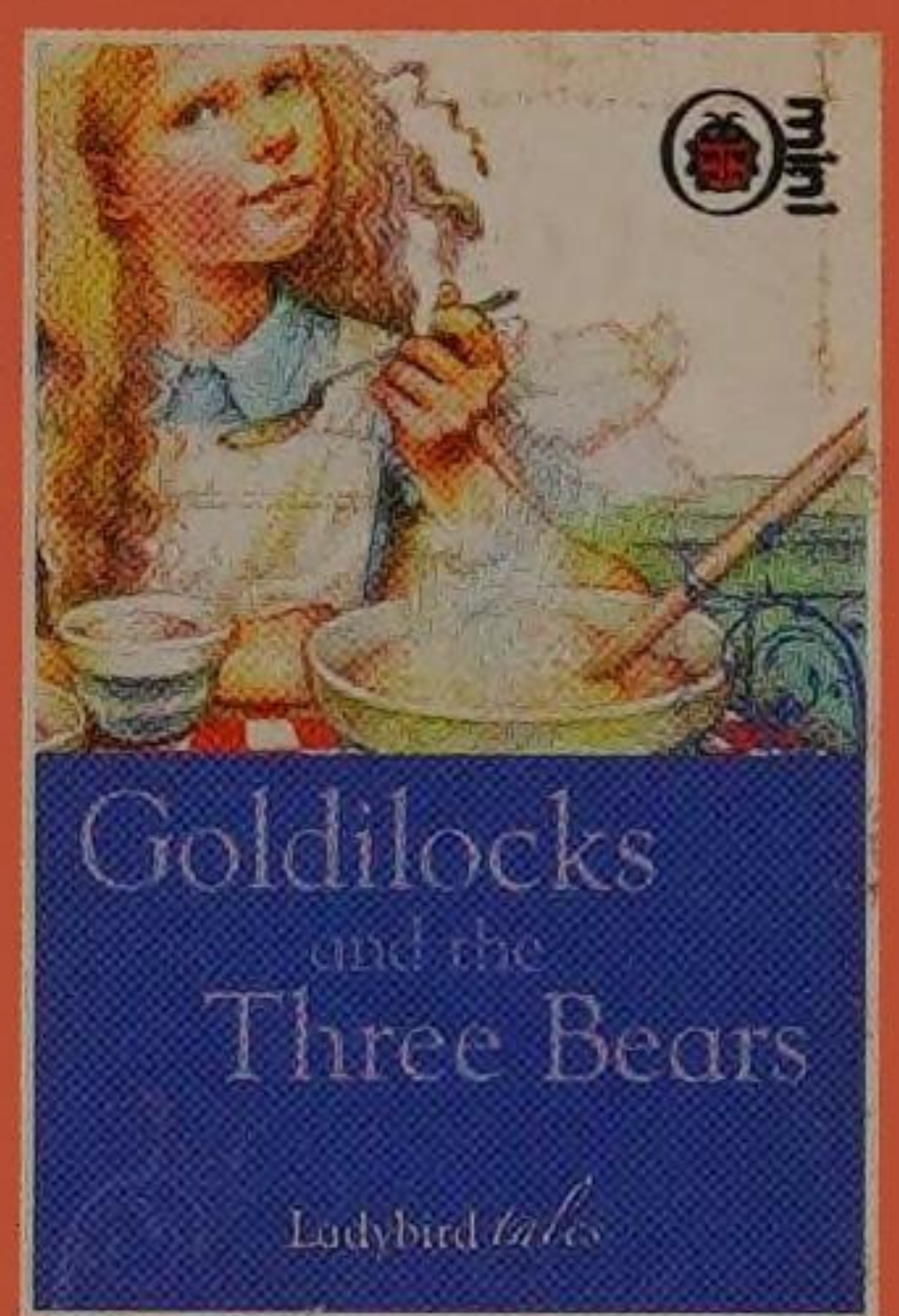
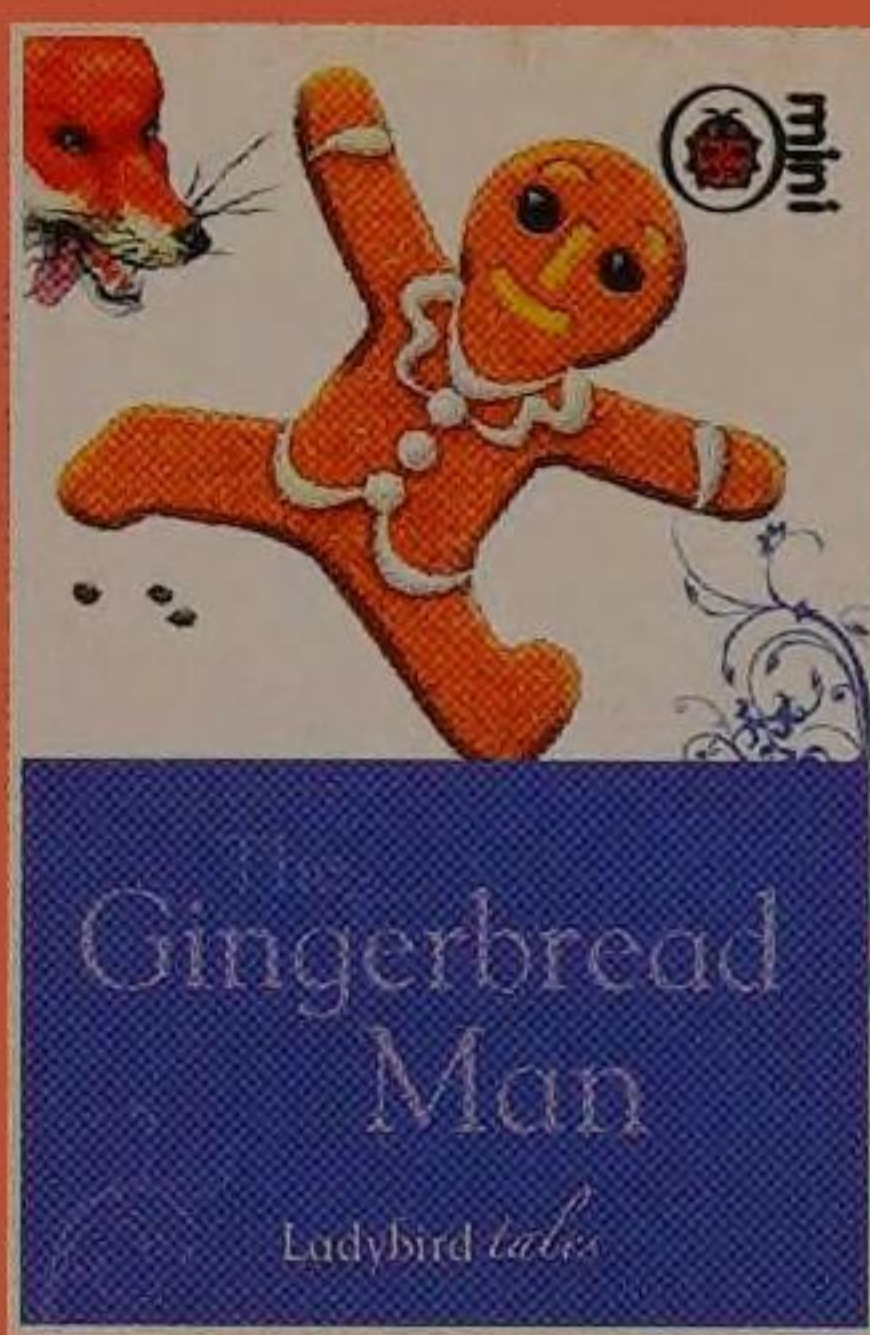
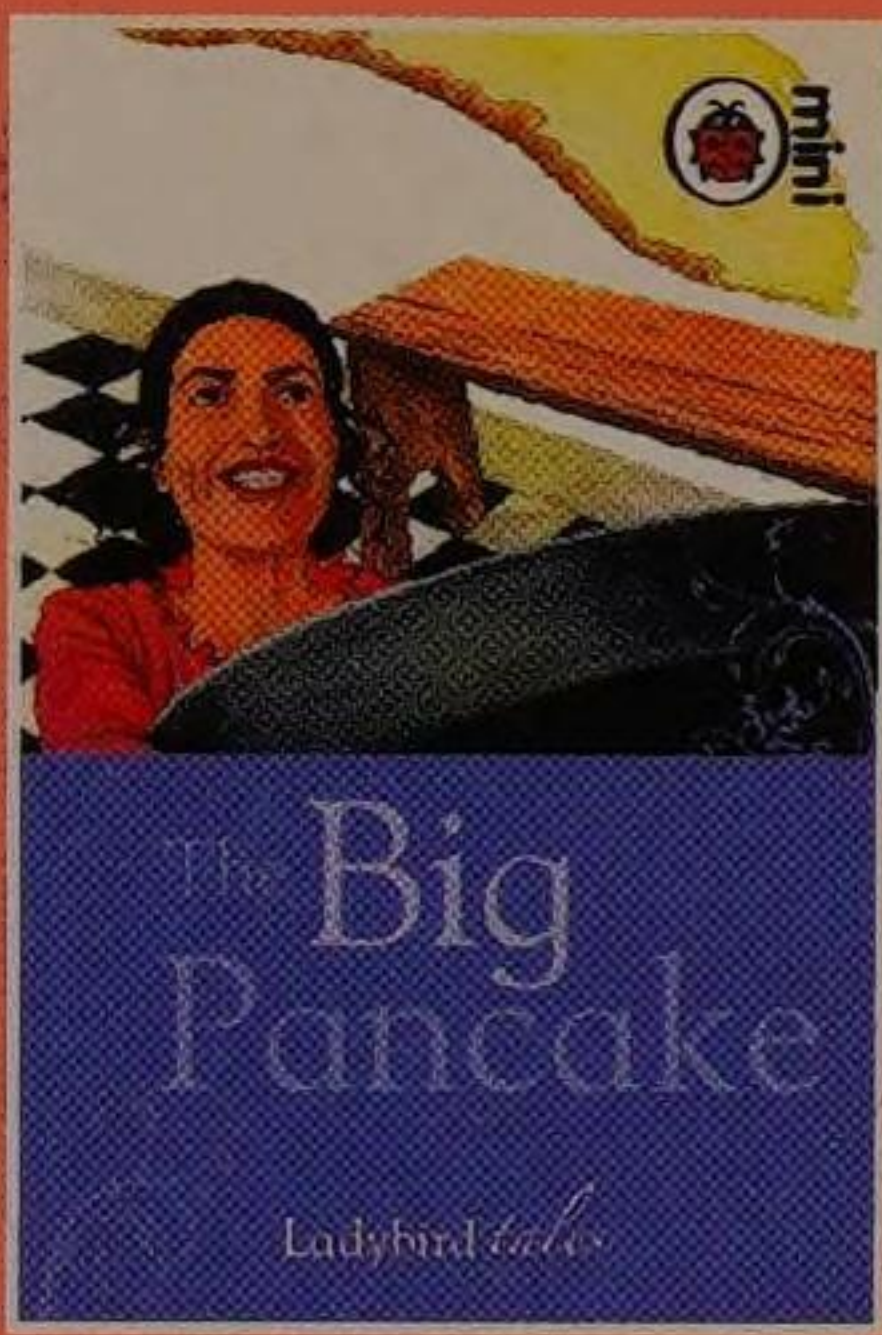














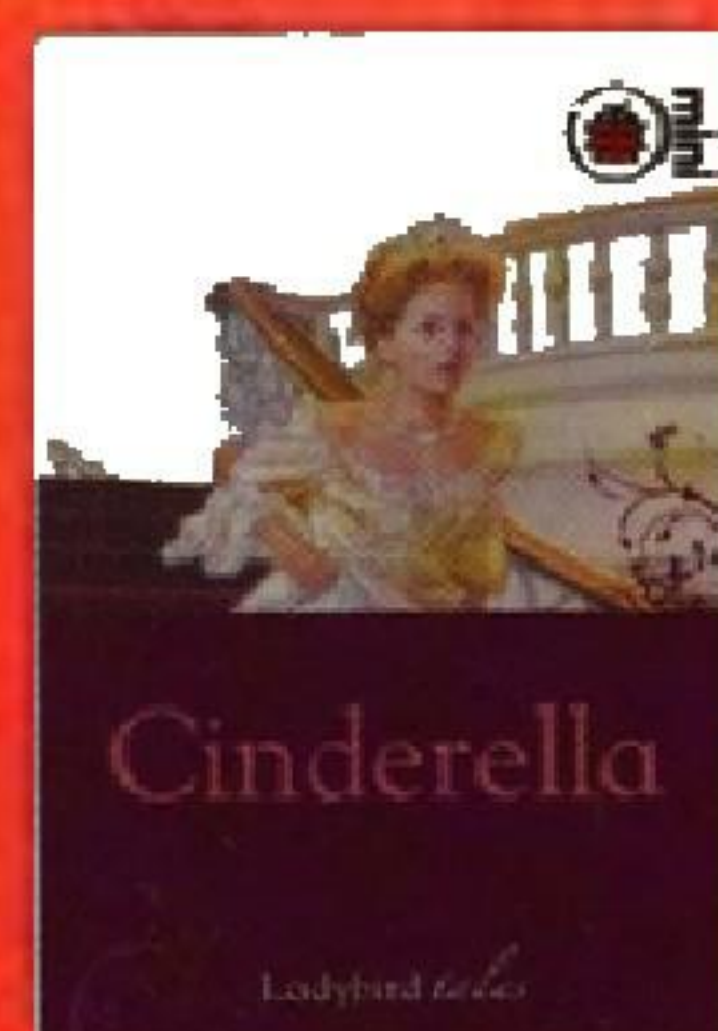
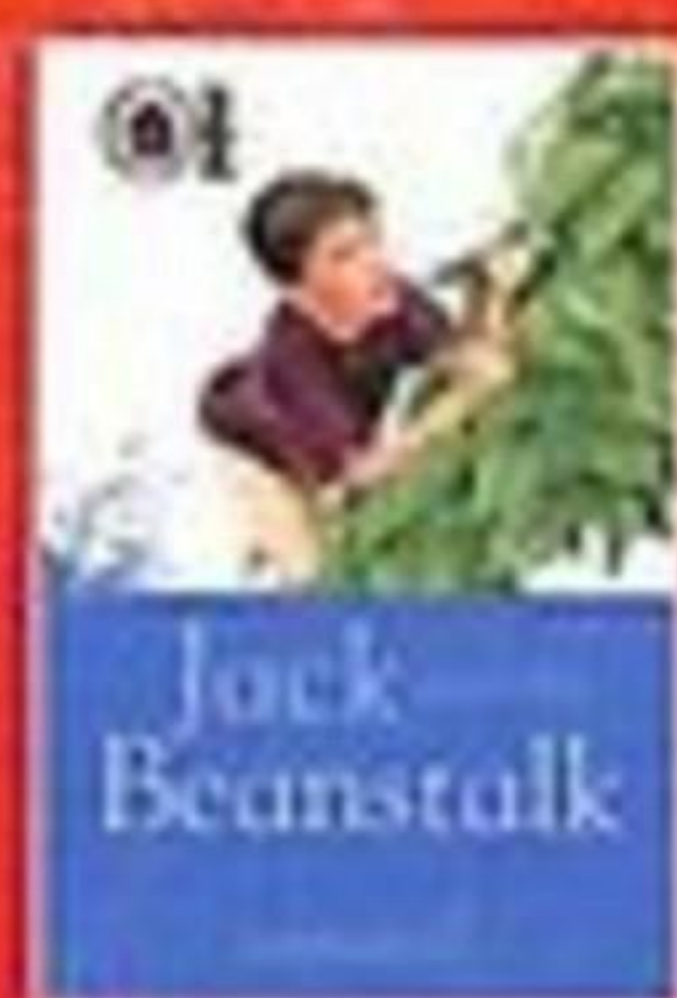
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